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New Newsletter

The AICS Navigator becomes The Navigator

The changes in <u>The Navigator</u> reflect the fact that we are moving ahead with the transition from AICS to its replacement. We will continue to provide information about AICS in this newsletter as well as focus on upcoming changes during the conversion to LEAMS. ❖

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Point of Thought:

Information is not knowledge until it is used to accomplish something.

LEAMS UPDATE

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The Law Enforcement Agency Management System (LEAMS) project, after careful consideration and analysis, has selected Megg Associates, Inc. as the vendor. Megg Associates is based in Salt Lake City, Utah and has over 16 years of experience in developing, delivering and supporting advanced records management systems which include law enforcement, fire, jail, corrections, and court record management. Megg has deployed similar LEAMS type systems with the Port of Seattle Police Department, the Utah County Sheriff Department, the Provo Police Department (Utah), the Tennessee Valley Authority five state consortium, and the Knoxville Police Department. The LEAMS project will move forward in the planning and implementation phases with the overall objective of delivering five major components. These components will be: incident reporting (replacing AICS). intelligence reporting (replacing STATIS), electronic citation generation, electronic reporting, crash and officer activity reporting. Megg's CRISNet with ActivePaper® product provides comprehensive, turnkey solution to deliver CRISNet is a browserthese modules. based (Internet technology) system with component architecture which allows for open extension and flexibility for the future.

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CRISNet's technology is based on thin bandwidth connectivity, version-less client software, and features a patented form replacement technology called ActivePaper®. CRISNet has the ability to interface with end user devices such as a PocketPC hand-held devices for capturing information. CRISNet software in conjunction with these types of end user devices can provide the capability for mobile data transmission, address validation, and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to capture coordinates for citations, crashes, and incidents. CRISNet software can also accept bar codes and magnetic stripes for driver's licenses and vehicle registration validation. CRISNet will also allow LEAMS to collect video, audio, and pictures as part of an incident. The product will include routing logic to provide e-mail alerts and notifications of reports to supervisors, billing departments, or other worksites needing real-time information. CRISNet will allow CAD and LEIN interfaces; automatic warrant generation, and informant tracking. The LEAMS project team is working closely with Megg to produce a contract. Contract features will include the CRISNet and ActivePaper® software source codes and a deliverable-based payment method. The contract will also feature three on-site Megg personnel to work out of MSP's Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC). It is anticipated that the contract will be in place by February 2002. For further information, please contact the LEAMS Section Manager, Dawn Brinningstaull, at 517/322-5018.

New Update to AICS

An update to AICS was released on January 30, 2002. This update made some changes to the latest release of AICS, as well as updated some key AICS tables. The below list details the changes that were made:

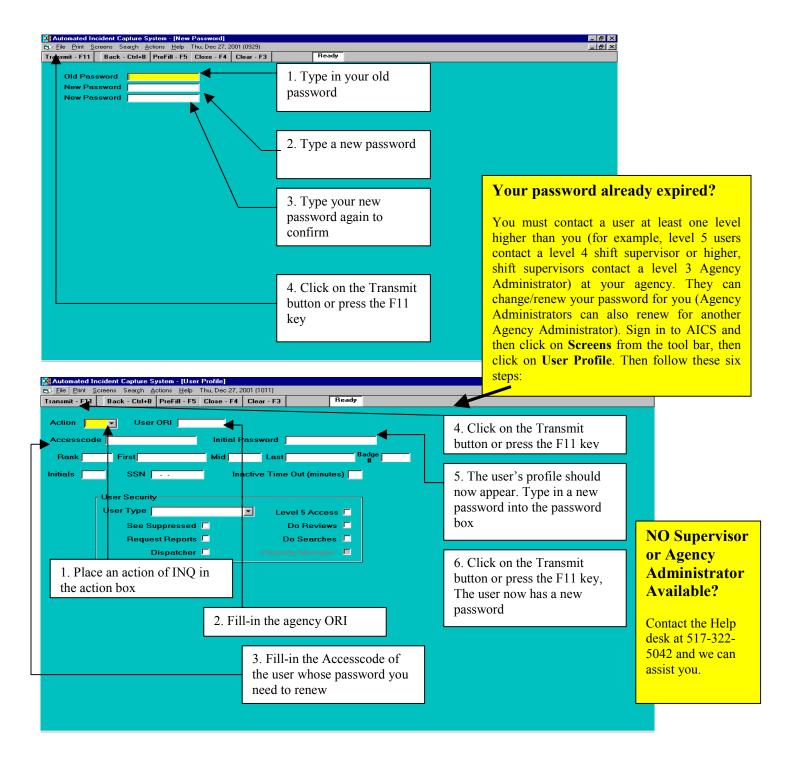
- 1. Coding has been added to prevent a screen lock up when an authorized user tried to use the 'Print All Narratives' option. The problem occurred when the last supplemental report did not have a narrative.
- 2. When a user requested the 'Print Person Info' option, the information would print on the default printer, however an error message would come on the screen. The code has been changed to eliminate the message.
- 3. In Branch County, the City/Twp listing has been updated as follows: a) The "Flor Crane Women's Correctional Fac' has been changed to read 'Flor Crane Correctional Fac", b) Camp Branch has been added.
- 4. The property tables have been updated with new codes to keep the tables from defaulting to the class of "88-Y (other) for certain property items.
- 5. The AICS Text Editor will now allow duplex printing.
- 6. The new CCW arrest codes have been added to the Master index table.

How to Report Anhydrous Ammonia (and other meth related chemicals) in AICS:

Methamphetamine use is still on the rise. The METH team is working hard to combat this threat. They continue to try and capture accurate statistics from Methamphetamine related complaints. They remain interested in tracking the following chemicals used in its manufacture: Anhydrous Ammonia, Ephedrine, Pseudo Ephedrine, and Red Phosphorous. In an effort to help the team do their job it is important that AICS users follow the same guidelines for entry in the property segment. It is requested that these items be entered on the **Miscellaneous Screen**, which is searchable. Use of the Description Screen on the Article Screen is not a viable option because it is not searchable.

Reminder: How to Change a Password in AICS

Just a reminder about changing your passwords in AICS. Users must change/update their passwords every 90 days. The system automatically reminds you to change your password prior to the expiration date. To change your password simply sign in to AICS using your current accesscode and password. While on the sign-on screen, click on **Screens** from the tool bar at the top, click on **Change Password** and then follow the steps shown below:



2001 Crash Reports Due

The Statistical Information Section of the Michigan State Police has set a due date of **February 15, 2002** for all 2001 Crash Reports to be submitted. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Nixon at 517/322-1134 during the day or Linda White at 517/322-1134 during the evening.

Moratorium on AICS Requests

As of November 1, 2001, the Michigan State Police, LEAMS Section stopped accepting requests from new agencies to connect to the AICS system. We are projecting that AICS will be replaced by the Law Enforcement Agency Management System (LEAMS) in 2003. The LEAMS Section resources will be focusing on bringing the LEAMS project to fruition while continuing to maintain the existing AICS system. Brochures are available concerning the LEAMS project at

http://www.state.mi.us/msp/cjic/PDF/LEA MSTRI.pdf. If you have further questions, please contact the LEAMS Section Manager at (517) 322-5018 or the LEAMS System Operations Specialist at (517) 322-4940.

NOTE: those agencies currently on file which had previously requested AICS but have not yet received connectivity will still be brought onto the system.

Why is AICS so Slow?

We are well aware of the problems in the field concerning the speed of AICS. The problem involves the MSP mainframe computer. To put it in non-technical terms, there are a lot of demands on the mainframe from numerous programs and applications. AICS is only one of many that require the mainframe to execute the entire program. As more and more demands are placed on the mainframe (from all the different programs as well as the number of users on AICS), the slower the response times are for AICS. The Information Technology Division is working on the problem to try and ensure that AICS (and all the other programs) function at their intended speed. Posts and agencies should try and run non-time critical reports at night to help reduce the load on the mainframe. ITD will continue to work on a short-term solution to create a fix on the mainframe to ensure reliable service. The long-term solution is to replace AICS with LEAMS, which is intended to be housed in a server-based environment. These solutions should increase the speed and reliability of AICS and LEAMS.

REMINDER TO GET THOSE LEOKA FORMS IN AT THE END OF THE MONTH. MSP POSTS OR TEAMS WITH NO INJURIES MUST STILL COMPLETE A FORM INDICATING SUCH.

Welcome Aboard New On-Line AICS Users

- New Lothrup Police Department
- Woodstock Police Department
- Spaulding Twp Police Department

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